

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. (Currently Amended) A compressed gas container comprising: ~~an annular block flange that is provided on an upper opening in its wall and is welded to the container, with a flange cover equipped with at least one discharge valve being bolt connectible or bolt connected to said block flange, characterized in that the block flange (14) is extended radially outside of a region coverable or covered by the flange cover (15) by a solid annular flange (40) having its outside welded to the wall (10, 11, 12) of the container (10') and having on its inside, adjacent to the coverable or covered region in an upper end face (42) a peripheral groove (44) for receiving a sealing rib (46) of an emergency cap (50) that is screw connectible or screw connected to the annular flange (40) and is used only when required, if a leak has occurred.~~

at least one wall having a first edge defining an opening extending through said wall;

a first flange comprising a block portion having a second edge defining a passage extending through said block portion and a mounting portion extending radially from said block portion, said mounting portion having an outwardly facing surface with a groove formed therein, said first flange being positioned in said opening with a peripheral edge of said mounting portion secured to said first edge;

a cap having a sealing rib and a connector flange extending from said cap and wherein said connector flange is removably connected to said mounting portion such that said sealing rib engages said groove; and

a cover with at least one discharge valve positioned thereon, wherein said cover is positioned in said cap, overlaps at least a part of said block portion and is removably connected to said block portion.

2. (Currently Amended) The compressed gas container according to claim 1, wherein characterized in that the annular flange and the block flange (14) the block portion and the mounting portion of the first flange are constructed as a single-piece component.

3. (Currently Amended) The compressed gas container according to claim 1, wherein ~~characterized in that the annular flange~~ mounting portion is a separate part welded to the block portion flange (14).
4. (Currently Amended) The compressed gas container according to ~~any one of the claims claim 1 to 3, characterized in that the annular flange (40)~~ wherein the mounting portion is provided with a ring of tapped bores (48) for bolting to ~~a mounting~~ the connector flange (54) of the ~~emergency cap~~ (50).
5. (Currently Amended) The compressed gas container according to ~~any one of the claims claim 1 to 4, characterized in that~~ wherein the sealing rib (46) protrudes from an end face of a wall of the cap (62) of the cylindrical wall (52).
6. (Currently Amended) The compressed gas container according to ~~any one of the claims claim 1 to 5, characterized by~~ wherein a sealing ring is (64) placed in the ~~peripheral~~ groove (44).
7. (Currently Amended) The compressed gas container according to ~~any one of the claims claim 1 4 to 6, characterized in that~~ wherein the ~~emergency cap (50)~~ has a cylindrical wall wherein an inside surface of the cylindrical wall (52) and radially engages ~~embraces~~ the flange cover (15) tightly in a mounted condition on the compressed gas container (10').
8. (Currently Amended) The compressed gas container according to claim 7, ~~characterized in that the annular flange (40)~~ wherein the mounting portion has a raised outer rim (66) at a radial distance to the ~~peripheral~~ groove (44), said rim radially ~~embracing~~ engages the cylindrical wall (52) ~~tightly~~ with the ~~emergency cap (50)~~ in the mounted condition.
9. (Currently Amended) The compressed gas container according to claim 8, ~~characterized in that the peripheral~~ wherein the groove (44) is located centrally between an outer circumference of the ~~flange cover (15)~~ and an inner circumference of the raised outer rim (66) of the mounting portion annular flange (40).

10. (Currently Amended) The compressed gas container according to claim 8 ~~or 9~~, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the connecting mounting flange (54) of the emergency cap (50) is provided on an outside of the cylindrical wall ~~(52)~~.

11. (Currently Amended) The compressed gas container according to claim 10, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the connecting mounting flange (54) on the outside of the cylindrical wall (52) is provided in such a way that, with the ~~emergency cap (50)~~ mounted, ~~it the connecting flange is~~ spaced a narrow axial distance from an axially adjacent end face ~~(68)~~ of the raised rim ~~(66)~~ of the mounting portion annular flange (40).

12. (Currently Amended) The compressed gas container according to claim 11, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the connecting mounting flange (54) is a flange ring welded to the outside of the cylindrical wall ~~(52)~~.

13. (Currently Amended) The compressed gas container according to ~~any one of the claims claim 1 to 12~~, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the opening is sized to accommodate the first flange. ~~the compressed gas container (10') is one of a type specially designed to accommodate the block flange (14) extended by the annular flange (40) with a correspondingly enlarged upper opening in its wall (10, 11, 12).~~